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## REQUEST FOR TERMINATION OF SMALL ENTITY STATUS AND FOR ACCEPTANCE OF FEE DEFICIENCY/

Pursuant to 37 CFR 1.28(c), the undersigned hereby notifies the Office of loss of small entity status and requests acceptance of a deficiency in payment of maintenance fees.

The second maintenance fee in the above patent was paid at the small entity rate of \$1,050 on September 25, 1998, and should have been paid at the rate for other than small entities. Pursuant to 37 CFR 1.27(c)(2)(i), the deficiency owed is the difference between the amount paid and the current fee amount for other than a small entity on the date the deficiency is paid in full. The deficiency owed for the fee is 2,480 - 1,050 = 1,430.

The third maintenance fee was paid at the small entity rate of 1,550 on September 25, 2002, and should have been paid at the rate for other than small entities. Pursuant to 37 CFR 1.27(c)(2)(i), the deficiency owed is the difference between the amount paid and the current fee amount for other than a small entity on the date the deficiency is paid in full. The deficiency

owed for the fee is 4,110 - 1,550 = 2,560.

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The failure to pay the maintenance fees at the correct rate was inadvertent.

The total deficiency is \$3,990, and charging of this deficiency to deposit account 19-4880

is authorized and is respectfully requested.

The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue

Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any

overpayments to said Deposit Account.

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